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SUBJ: REACTIONS TO CHANGE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

1. NEWS OF SECRETARY ROGERS' RESIGNATION AND DR. KISSINGER'S NOMINATION TO SUCCEED HIM BROKE WHILE I WAS HOSTING LUNCHEON FOR SYG WALDHEIM AND MEMBERS OF SC. I ANNOUNCED IT AT END OF TOAST. MOST PRESENT WERE SURPRISED, EVEN FLABBERGASTED AND THEIR COMMENTS THEREFORE SPONTANEOUS.

2. ALL REFERENCES TO SECRETARY ROGERS WERE HIGHLY POSITIVE. WALDHEIM AND SEVERAL SC MEMBERS SPOKE WARMLY OF SECRETARY AS STATESMAN AND AS INDIVIDUAL. ONE ARAB OBSERVER (SUDANESE) WONDERED WHETHER "WHITE HOUSE" HAD BEEN AS "EVEN-HANDED" IN ITS APPROACH TO MIDDLE EAST AS ROGERS, "AUTHOR OF ROGERS' PLAN." HE EXPRESSED LOW-KEY APPREHENSION WHETHER KISSINGER WOULD BE AS EVEN-HANDED. NEW BRITISH PERMREP THOUGHT APPOINTMENT "EXCELLENT," OBSERVING "YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING TOGETHER NOW." RUSSIAN CHARGE SAFRONCHUK CLEARLY DELIGHTED. HUANG HUA INSCRUTABLE BUT HAS ASKED SEE ME TOMORROW.
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